

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 10-15 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-9 and 16-28 are pending.

Conclusion

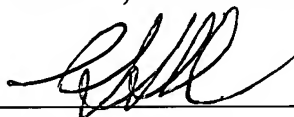
Applicants submit that claims 1-9 and 16-28 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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